Reducing power grid office at Guwahati to a liaison office

2532. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Grid Office at Guwahati has been demoted to a liaison office status;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revive its old status; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The number and level of employees in particular office are decided by the management of POWERGRID on the basis of the nature and quantum of work in that office. After the completion of Kathalguri Transmission Project, the manpower posted at Guwahati office has been optimized for its utilisation for the operation and maintenance of transmission lines and sub-stations. The number and level of employees in Guwahati Office would be reviewed/revised in future depending upon the workload in that office.

Proposal for setting up the thermal power plants in Arunachal Pradesh

2533. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up the thermal power plants in the State of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total grants proposed to be allocated for the said purpose in the State during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pending proposals for setting up gas based power plants in Rajasthan

2534. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some gas based power plants in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time since when these proposals are pending;

(c) whether any tenders were invited and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the above bids were treated as non-responsive and was decided to rebid; and

(e) the details of progress made on rebidding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (b) The details of gas based Thermal Power Plants proposed to be set up in Rajasthan are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the project/ implementing Agency	Sector	Status
1.	Dholpur CCGT (702.7 ME)/M/s RPG Dholpur Power Co. Ltd., Distt. Dholpur	Private	Techno-economic Clearance (TEC) accorded by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in March, 1998. Financial closure yet to be achieved.
2.	Anta CCGT St.-II (650 MW)/ National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC), Distt. Kota.		TEC of CEA accorded in August, 1998. Investment approval yet to be accorded by NTPC Board.

(c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) had invited bids for main plant package for Anta Combined Cycle Power Project (CCPP) State-II (650 MW) in September, 1998. Subsequently, NTPC